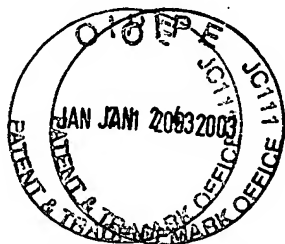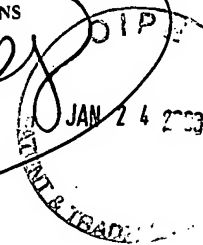# BLAKELY SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

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Figure 1A is a generalized diagram of a multi-protocol bridge/router.

Figure 1B is an illustrative example of the topology of and connections.

Figure 2A and 2B are network graphs of two illustrative example networks.

Figure 3 is a network graph of an illustrative network in which the network s of Figures 2A and 2B are joined.